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CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET  
REGISTRATION AND SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE 7/21/77

FULL NAME SAM C. OTTS  
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)  
ADDRESS BERRY ACADEMY  
CITY MT. BERRY STATE GA ZIP CODE 30149  
DATE OF BIRTH 11/8/30 (This is important and should be exact)  
APPROXIMATE AGE 46 (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)  
RELIGION \_\_\_\_\_ NATIONALITY \_\_\_\_\_  
OCCUPATION TEACHER AND DORMITORY PROCTOR AT BERRY ACADEMY, GA. / CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH  
SALVATION ARMY  
EDUCATION GRADUATE 1975 OF BERRY COLLEGE  
WEIGHT 245 lbs. COLOR white HEIGHT 6'6"  
COLOR OF HAIR white / white mustache COLOR OF EYES \_\_\_\_\_  
OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS \_\_\_\_\_  
MARRIED OR SINGLE \_\_\_\_\_ CHILDREN \_\_\_\_\_  
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)  
WIFE'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

<u>UNIT #</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>DATE REGISTERED</u>	<u>DATE RESIGNED</u>
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SPECIAL RECOGNITION \_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIDENTIAL FILE FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> OFFICIAL CHARGES OF CRIMINAL CONDUCT (REVIEW) | <input type="checkbox"/> UNSUBSTANTIATED REPORTS |

SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND INDIVIDUAL FOR CONFIDENTIAL FILE  
AND LIST SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

NOTED  
AUG 25 1977  
JOSEPH L. ANGLIM

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Council \_\_\_\_\_

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August 20, 1980

Mr. Ralph Young  
Scout Executive  
Ouachita Area Council #14

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Sam C. Otts, Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop #16

Dear Mr. Young:

In response to your letter of August 15th, written to Charles Grable, we are enclosing a confidential record sheet.

We would appreciate your completing this record sheet, and returning it to us as soon as possible, so we can identify this man in the future. Also, any other information made available to you would be appreciated, to support our action of placing this man on the Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director  
Registration, Subscription and  
Statistical Service

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Some how Mr OTT - got thru  
and was Registered -*

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CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET  
REGISTRATION AND SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

APPENDIX A

DATE AUGUST 25, 1980

FULL NAME SAM C. OTTS  
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS P.O. Box 729

CITY HOT SPRINGS STATE ARKANSAS ZIP CODE 71901

DATE OF BIRTH 8/11/30 (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE \_\_\_\_\_ (To be used ONLY when date of birth is not known)

RELIGION SALVATION ARMY NATIONALITY AMERICAN

OCCUPATION EMPLOYEE - SALVATION ARMY

EDUCATION college degree - college unknown; working on master's by attending Henderson State University, spring of '80; very brilliant in the math field

WEIGHT 240 HEIGHT 6'7" RACE WHITE

COLOR OF HAIR WHITE COLOR OF EYES BLUE

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS WEBELOS DEN & ORDER OF THE ARROW & CUB DAY CAMP

MARRIED OR SINGLE SEPARATED CHILDREN UNKNOWN  
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

WIFE'S NAME UNKNOWN

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

UNIT #	CITY	STATE	OFFICE	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
T 16	HOT SPRINGS	AR	ASST. SCOUTMASTER	5/77	8/80
T37 & Post 37 Northwest Georgia Council Scoutmaster & Advisor 1973 4/77					
SPECIAL RECOGNITION <u>WOOD BADGE-'76; OA BROTHERHOOD; DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT</u>					

SUSPENDED OR DENIED REGISTRATION FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

Does not meet moral standards of BSA

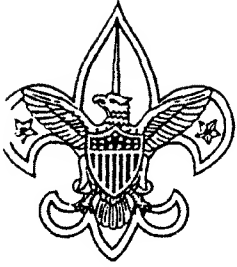
SPECIFY THE FACTS WHICH LEAD YOU TO RECOMMEND DENIAL OF REGISTRATION

AND LIST ATTACH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (STATE ONLY KNOWN FACTS, NOT RUMOR, CONJECTURE OR SPECULATION):

In a meeting with Council President John Thomas and Scout Executive Ralph Young and Mr. Otts; the Scout Executive reviewed all accusations made against Mr. Otts by the parents of the boys involved. The Scout Executive asked Mr. Otts the following questions, his answers are also given: ..Did you go camping with these boys- yes; Did the three of you sleep in the nude-yes; Did you put your hands on these boys' bodies - yes; Where - in the armpits and ribs; Did you kiss the boy-yes, where-on the lips; Did you put your hand on their privates= Signed \_\_\_\_\_ yes; Have you ever been involved as a homosexual- SCOUT EXECUTIVE no, I have not; Have you ever been accused like this before-yes and no; Why did you do all this- I Council

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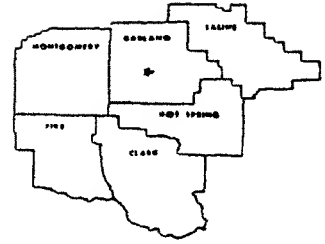
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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
Ouachita Area Council No. 14  
102 CHEROKEE COURT  
HOT SPRINGS NATIONAL PARK, ARKANSAS  
71901

Telephone 623-6601

August 15, 1980



Mr. Charles Grable  
South Central Region  
Boy Scouts of America  
P.O. Box 61040  
Dallas/Fort Worth Airport, TX

Dear Mr. Grable:

The Ouachita Area Council has information related to a volunteer Scouter - Mr. Sam C. Otts - currently registered as Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 16. This is his primary registration, he is also registered as Scoutmaster of Troop 14 and Webelos Leader of Pack 13 in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Due to the implications of this man's activities and conduct during the last two weeks, I am asking you to place him on the confidential list where he will never again be eligible to serve in any capacity whatsoever in Scouting.

Sam C. Otts is 50 years old, white-haired, about 6'7" in height, wears a white mustache. He is slow and deliberate in his speech, he is well-educated and looks older than he is (a photo is enclosed). He has an outstanding knowledge of all three programs of Scouting.

Listed below are statements that were made by the parents of Webelos Scouts in a group meeting and statements that were made by Mr. Otts when Council President John Thomas and Scout Executive Ralph Young met with him on Wednesday, August 13.

- .. On Tuesday afternoon, August 12, approximately 5:45 p.m., the Scout Executive received a phone call at his home from the Office Manager - Frankie Herron, informing him that [REDACTED] (a very active volunteer in Cub Scouting) was in the office and needed to talk with him. Young stated he would return immediately to the office.
- .. [REDACTED] stated that she had a visit at her office from a very distraught mother - [REDACTED] - who said there were some indications that her son's Webelos Leader - Mr. Otts, had not conducted himself in the way she thought he should on a camping trip with her son and another Webelos - [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] then called [REDACTED] to ask her to come and meet with Young.
- .. [REDACTED] came and reported to Mr. Young that Mr. Otts had taken her son, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] camping on Thursday, August 7. She said when they were ready for bed that Mr. Otts suggested that since it was so hot that they all would be more comfortable to sleep without any clothes on.

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- .. [REDACTED] also said that when she related to [REDACTED] that the boys and Mr. Otts had slept nude that [REDACTED] told her she had received an anonymous phone call at her office (from an older man) who asked her didn't her son camp out with Mr. Otts, she told him yes he had. He said to her "Don't you know Mr. Otts is a homosexual?" she said certainly not. That's when [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] she knew someone who was very active in Scouting and that she was going to go talk to her. That's when [REDACTED] talked to [REDACTED]
- .. After [REDACTED] related this to [REDACTED], Mr. Young and [REDACTED], Mr. Young asked her to call [REDACTED] and see if she would come to the Scout Service Center to meet with the group. [REDACTED] did call and [REDACTED] came to the office approximately 30 minutes later.
- .. Mr. Young asked them to tell him what they know about the situation.
- .. They confirmed the anonymous phone call and that they had talked with their son - [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said she asked her son had they slept in the nude and he answered yes, we all did. She asked him who had suggested they do this and he replied, Mr. Otts. She asked him if he had touched him and he said yes; how, he tickled my feet and ribs; [REDACTED] asked his son did he touch you anywhere else - yes, on my butt. [REDACTED] asked her son if Mr. Otts touched his penis, [REDACTED] said yes. [REDACTED] asked his son, did he kiss you? [REDACTED] answered yes - where, on the lips.
- .. [REDACTED] then asked if the BSA had ever had any allegations in the past in regard to Mr. Otts, Young stated no - not in the 4 years he had been in Ouachita Area Council. He then asked Mr Young how long Mr. Otts had been in Scouting - approximately 5 years in this council, but has a previous Scouting background in Alabama and Georgia.
- .. [REDACTED] indicated that another Webelos had also been involved in a separate incidence. [REDACTED] the boy's mother was contacted and she had a meeting with the Scout Executive at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday.
- .. She stated that her son, [REDACTED], told her yes Mr. Otts had done the same things to him.

After the Scout Executive contacted the Council President early Wednesday morning, the arranged a meeting with Mr. Otts for 9:30 p.m. that evening at the Scout Service Center.

The Scout Executive reviewed all the accusations that had been made by the [REDACTED] families from his notes of the meetings and asked Mr. Otts the following questions (with Mr. Otts replies):

Did you go camping with these boys - yes  
 Did the three of you sleep in the nude - yes  
 Did you put your hands on these boys' bodies - yes  
 Where - in the armpits and ribs  
 Did you put your hand on their privates - yes  
 Have you ever been involved as a homosexual - no, I have not  
 Have you ever been accused by parents like this before - yes and no  
 Why did you do all this - I don't know, I guess I've been very foolish.  
 Did you kiss the boy - yes  
 Where did you kiss the boy - on the lips

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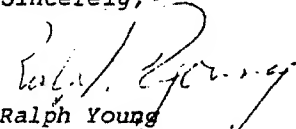
Mr. Otts is employed by the Salvation Army, the Scout Executive had tried to contact Maj. William L. Schmieder, local corps commander on Tuesday evening and was told he was on vacation until September 2. Young asked Otts for a number where the Major could be reached. Otts answered yes he has a number, but I'm not supposed to give it out. I will call him tomorrow and talk to him and ask him to call you.

Young at this time expressed his grave disappointment to Otts and told him as of tonight he was no longer eligible to serve in Scouting and that his name would be removed from all Scouting activities. Young told him he was no longer to attend any Scouting functions or have any contact with the Scouts or Scouting Units.

Otts stated that Troop 16 was having a family campout this weekend at Brady Mountain Lodge. He said since he had made the arrangements could he still go with them. Young told him under no circumstances was he to go or participate in this event or any other event whatsoever.

This instruction was given to Mr. Otts in the presence of Council President John A. Thomas.

Sincerely,

  
Ralph Young  
Scout Executive

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September 2, 1977

Mr. Francis T. Parham  
Scout Executive  
Northwest Georgia Co. No. 100

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: Sam C. Otts

Dear Pete:

Thank you for the latest information concerning the above Scouter. We have now placed this man on file. This information will help support our action and strengthen our position of refusing registration of this man in the future. Your efforts in this area are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director  
Registration & Subscription Service

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February 13, 1977

Mr. Francis T. Parham  
Scout Executive  
Northwest Georgia Co. No. 100

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Re: Sam C. Otts

Dear Pets:

In response to your letter of February 3, concerning the above Scouter,  
we are enclosing a confidential record sheet.

In addition to this completed record sheet, we will need a detailed letter  
concerning the facts in this incident. A signed statement from the boy  
involved would also be important. This information would certainly help  
to strengthen our position of placing this man on the Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director  
Registration & Subscription Service

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Please advise if  
we should continue  
to hold this case  
Pending the additional  
information.  
Thank you

Dear Paul  
Pardon delay -  
enclosed information - should  
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February 18, 1977

Mr. Francis T. Parham  
Scout Executive  
Northwest Georgia Co. No. 100

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL  
Re: Sam C. Otts

Dear Pete:

In response to your letter of February 3, concerning the above Scouter, we are enclosing a confidential record sheet.

In addition to this completed record sheet, we will need a detailed letter concerning the facts in this incident. A signed statement from the boy involved would also be important. This information would certainly help to strengthen our position of placing this man on the Confidential File.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director  
Registration & Subscription Service

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NORTHWEST GEORGIA COUNCIL OF THE  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

POST OFFICE BOX 1422  
ROME, GEORGIA 30161  
TELEPHONE 404/235-5545

Mr. Paul Ernst, Director  
Registration & Subscription Service  
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
North Brunswick, New Jersey 08902

February 3, 1977

Dear Paul:

Please pull the registration of ~~Sam C. Otts~~, Scoutmaster of Troop 37 and of Post 2037, Berry Academy, Mt. Berry, Ga. 30149.

Please put him in the confidential file not to be registered in Scouting again - Reason - homosexual behavior.

Otts had been employed as a teacher and dormitory proctor at Berry Academy, a boarding school. He was dismissed from the employment of the school and relieved of his duties as Scoutmaster and Explorer Advisor by the Headmaster, for homosexual involvement with the young son of another faculty member.

Date of the incident, January 28, 1977.

Our relationship with the school continues to be excellent and replacement leadership for the units has been secured. The headmaster is a member of the council executive board.

Otts has been in this area about four or five years. He is a 1975 graduate of Berry College. He has had a close association with the Salvation Army in Dalton, Ga. His social security number is [REDACTED], he was born 11/78/30, he is 6'6" tall, weighs about 245 lbs., has white hair and white mustache. He has worked on camp staff, been to Wood Badge. Would probably seek work in schools, camps, and textile mills. Possible Scouting affiliation in the past is in Nashville, Tenn. council.

He says he was born in Missouri and has lived in or been in just about every section of the country.

I hope the information provided is adequate.

Thanks.

Sincerely,

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
Northwest Georgia Council

*Pete*

F. T. "Pete" Parham



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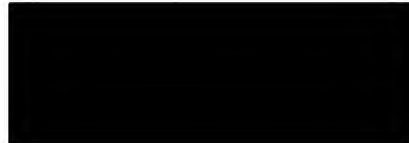
July 13, 1977

TO:    Whom It May Concern  
      Boy Scouts of America

Sam Otts was employed by Berry Academy for two and one-half years, June, 1974, through January, 1977. During the same period he was Scoutmaster for Troop 37 and worked during the summer as a part of the staff at Camp Sidney Dew. Mr. Otts was head of our boys dormitory and lived in an apartment in the dormitory. On January 28, 1977, Mr. Otts was working with the eleven year old son of one of Berry's teachers on a scout project, although the boy was not a member of Sam's troop. Sam fondled the boy's penis in a way to cause the boy to masturbate. Mr. Otts was dismissed from employment with Berry, and a stipulation of his severance was that he use some proffered money from Berry to seek professional counseling regarding his homosexual tendencies.

Mr. Otts is a man of many great strengths, and one who contributed significantly to The Berry Schools. If I may be of further assistance in matters concerning Mr. Otts, I will be pleased to do so.

Sincerely,



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